population, has. Primary Schooling facilities within 1 km. distance. As regards enrolment ratio, according to Selected Educational Statistics (1992-93) printed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, it was 105.7% in classes I—V corresponding to the age group 6—11 years. Since the over-age and under-age children are also included in this ratio, the percentage goes above 100.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, the latest data available with the Ministry for 1989-90 shows that 64.09 per cent children dropout before reaching class-VIII.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. A programme of action was drawn up in 1992 in consul-t~;icn with educational experts. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations outlining various steps to be taken to achieve the target of Universa-lisation of Elementary Education.

Universalisation of Primary Education in MP

4139. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an ambitious Rs. 687 crores scheme for universalisation of primary education in Madhya Pradesh was inaugurated on 5th January, 1994;

(b) whether the new initiative of district primary education porgramme is being launched in U.P., Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh also ;

(c) whether the programme seeks to give a new thrust to the primary education which will be initially undertaken in 19 districts of Madhya Pradesh ;

(d) if so, whether the Eropean Community has agreed to provide an assistance of Rs. 585 crores;

(e) if so, what will be the contribution of Madhya Pradesh and the Gujarat Governments ;

(f) the 19 districts which will be covered in the first phase of the programme in Madhya Pradesh ;

(g) by what time the project is likely to be completed; and

(h) the other details of the programme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARISELJA): (a) to (g). A Financing Agreement has been signed between Government of India and European Community (EC) whereby EC would provide programme assistance of ECUs 150 million (about Rs. 585 crores) to District Primary Education Programme (DPEP). To begin with, 42 districts spread over seven states namely Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh are covered under DPEP. The EC financial assistance is being applied to 19 districts of Madhya Pradesh. The districts are Bilaspur, Betul, Chattarpur, Dhar, Guna, Mandsaur, Parma, Raigarh, Raisen, Rajnandgaon, Rajgarh, Ratlam, Rewa, Sarguja, Satna, Sehore, Shahdol, Sidhi and Tikamgarh. A project covering the six other States has been posed to the World Bank. About 15% of the project outlay would be financed by the participating states. Each DPEP project is expected to have a time frame of seven years.

(h) DPEP seeks to operationalise the strategy of decentralised planning to universalise elementary education. The cir-teria for selection of the districts is :

(a) educationally backward districts with female literacy below the national average; and/or

(b) districts where Total Literacy Cam paigns (TLCs) have been successful lea ding to enhanced demand for elementary education.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

4140. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of accounts opened by women in the country particularly in Punjab and Bihar under the newly launched Mahila Samridhi Yojana;

(b) the details thereof Union Territory-wise and district-wise as on 31st December 1993;

(c) whether Government proposed to provide any other incentive to the women under the said scheme for improvement of their economic position ;

(d) whether every eligible woman was encouraged to open her MSY account in the post office; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what publicity measures are being taken to popularise the Scheme in villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJE-SHWARI): (a) The total number of accounts opened by the rural women in the country under\ Mahila Samridhi Yojana as on 31-3-1994 is 7,29,041. The number of accounts in the State of Punjab and Bihar are 54,371 and 3,406 respectively.

(b) State-wise, Union Territory-wise details of Mahila Samridhi Yojana accounts opened as on 31-12-1993 is at Statement *(See* below) and district-wise at